

Ship Bowditch, Nath'l W. South, master, Newport to Western Is. 1843.

Thurs. June 29 - This day light breeze from N.W. altering E 1/2 S.
middle part calms. at 7 a.m. spoke brig Harbinger of Boston, from Fayal with passengers,
9 days out & I went on board and took breakfast and then took the Captain a
Gentleman & 4 ladies on board of us. they stopped about an hour & then left us
when we squared away again to the eastward. wind from West

Fayal Sat. July 1 1843 Getting recruits from shore. Saw the America
of New Bedford, Ainsel Gibbs of ~~Massachusetts~~^{Faithhaven}, and Barque ~~Progress~~^{Progress} of Boston
getting recruits at the same time. laying off & on

Sun. July 2 strong SSW - 4 o'clock all on board & com. beating to sea, worked
ship to south SE in company with Ainsel Gibbs.

Mon. July 3 - Ainsel Gibbs 3 mi. to leeward strong SW
~~Toward Cape Verde Islands.~~

Tues. 11th. steering SW all sail, wind N.E. saw one sail call it the magnet of Warren
saw blackfish did not know

Wed. 19th. at St. Antone 8 a.m. lowered cut boat and tried to land but
found it too rugged. - next day went on shore at St. Vincent traded for live stock

Sun. July 16 fine breeze N.E. saw 3 sail standing to the South 5 o'clock P.M. spoke
an English Bark from Liverpool bound to Bombay.

Thurs. July 20 light baffling winds. Sailed the Franklin. Capt. Chadwick
came on board & spent the afternoon - Mr. Fletcher went on board the Franklin - latter
had rain wind West Franklin 8 m' astern as ends

Fri. July 21 light breeze N. ^{fair - all sail} stood for Franklin 4 o'clock went on board
latter part ship Franklin astern 3 m.

Sat. under double reefed topsails in company with Franklin of N. Bed.

Sun. ~~W.W.W.~~

Wed. July 26 saw killers ^{one sail} & humpbacks Lat. part ^{mending forest} ~~Monday for us~~
Towards New Holland

Thurs. July 27 - repairing forest. strong breeze

Ship Bowditch towards New Holland 1843

Thurs Aug 3 Comm. with fresh breeze S.E. steering SSW at 8 P.M had old Neptune on board and overhauled his bays. D

Fri. Aug 4 saw plenty fubacks and two sail. fresh breeze.

Sat Aug 5 strong S.E. steering SW & S under topsls & courses. latter part set all sail.

Thurs. Aug 10 ^{middle} latter part took in light sails & double reefed Topsls.
latter " set the ~~tops~~ Topsls

Fri Aug 11 under whole Topsls toward for humpbacks but could not get near them.

Sun. Aug 13 strong ESE. steering SW & W 2 P.M. made So. of Trinidad
Mangons 20 mi off. Lat. part rolled unsteady - on the round with larboard tacks on board

Tues. Aug 15 under Topsls & courses - sent in ^{fly} jibboom and cut down the mizen
Top Galen Mast.

Sun. Dec 20 1843 Lat. part laying to under double reef main Topsl forest & spencer.
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Mon-Tues Aug 21-22 Double reef Topsls & spencer + at 4 PM set the fibs
lat part employed shifting sails & mending oarsuds.

Fri Aug 25 lowered for sight whale without success. came on board
and shifted main Topsails

Sun. Aug 27 latter part light breeze north. Caught the cook and good fighting
Cook got his nose split open. postponed punishment until monday so ends.

Mon. Aug 28 called all hands aft at 6 AM seized Cook & Good in rigging and
gave them 1 1/2 dozen for fighting with 9 year ratlin stuff at 10 AM steered S. ^{so ends}

Tues. Aug 29 strong winds nor. course SE took in main Topgallen ^{S. so ends} steering
sail, fore Topgallen sail & fore Topgallen steering sail.

Journal of a voyage in Ship Bowditch toward New Holland in 1843.

Sat. Sept. 2 Com. strong winds SW steering S E X E with a whole main topsail set and double reef fore and mizzen. latter part all sail

Sunday Sept 3. mending & binding fibs. saw one sail & fin back.

Wed Sept. 13 saw a humpback & caught a tutte

Mon. Sept 14 saw humpbacks lowered no success. saw blackfish took one at 4 PM came alongside and took up the boats. wind light from northwest middle part strong breeze from N.W and thick rainy weather ship under whole topsails - Lat. part strong SW under double reef topsails carried away fit martingale and fitted new one

Fri. Sept. 15th strong SW wind part moderate lowered for blackfish 6 AM took three alongside and took them in.

Mon Sept 18 moderate N.E heavy swell fine weather. watch employed mincing Blackfish blubber.

Thurs Sept 21 Lat by Obs. $37^{\circ}31' S.$ Long by Chron. $32^{\circ}17' E$ Squalley waterspouts

Tues. Sept 26 fine weather light baffling N.W. 3 PM lowered for Right whales no success came on board and at sundown took in sail for the night middle part a calm at 5 1/2 o'clock made sail standing to SW saw a plenty fin backs but no right whales at 8 AM were ship and steered E by S.
Wed. Oct. 4 - Lat. part ^(strong) Gale from N. under close reef mizzen topgallant, double reef foretopgallant & foresail.

Thurs. at 2 P.M saw right whale took in all sail but dbl. reef mizzen topgallant, laid to head to N. at 7 o'clock blowing severely and increasing took in mizzen topgallant and laid under spencers. Lat. part strong S. wind set double reef topsails

Fri Oct 6 heavy swell at 6 o'clock more mod. set whole topsails & took ship to WSW

Thurs. Oct. 12 light breeze from N. saw school of Killers and 2 sail at 4 PM went on board
a whal. ship of Fairhaven 4 months out & no oil. coming on board got 2 blackfish

Fri. Oct. 13 strong NNE company with a whal. ship at 6 took in topgallants
and mainsail for night.

Sat. Oct. 14 strong N whole topsails courses & jibs. hazy horizon

Sun. Oct. 15 Gale from NW double reef topsails

Mon. Oct. 16 Lat. part strong N.E. parted whole topsails parted foretopsail
footrope bend a new one

Thurs. Oct. 18 - strong WSW sending down foreyard which was sprung
and putting new one ship under main & mizen topsail & jibs squally.
mid. part heavy swell single reef main & mizen topsails.

Cruising for whales.

Tues. Oct. 24 Strong W. steering SSE mid. part laying too with starboard
tacks on board. Lat. part steering E by S 10 a.m. took in sail and luffed to
the wind with starboard tacks on board. so ends.

Wed. Oct. 25 - Gale from W. on stdd tacks laying to under dbl reefed main
topsail & fore. at 4 PM slowing heavy close reefed mantsail & took in fore sail
and set the spinnakers.

Fri. Nov. 3rd Gale NW ship heading to the SW by W middle part more moderate at 1 o'clock
wore ship. Lat. part a fresh breeze from the west steering to the North with all
sail set spoke ship India of New Bedford 6 months out no oil so ends.

Lat by Obs 36° 40' South
Long by Chron 109° 36'

Sat. Nov. 4th fine breeze from the north tacked ship to the north & East in company
with the India saw few backons ends.

Mon. Nov. 6 good weather fine breeze from W steering E E 1/2 S all sail 6 P.M. spoke
ship India lat. part saw English ship supposed to be a merchantman standing
to North so ends Lat by Obs. 35° 04' 6 S.
Long by Chron 113° 4' 8 East

Ship Bowditch

Fri Nov 12 Lat part moderate with fine weather saw New Holland to the North
dist 40 miles sounds. Off New Holland 1845

Sat Nov 13 Com. with a very severe gale from the WNW ship heading to the SW
under a close reef mainsail and spinnaker weather very squally 2 o'clock
P.M. were ship and took in Main Topsail Barometer stands. Two tenths
and a half below 29 the lowest she has been before the voyage but we
find she is right mid Part more moderate Lat part a strong wind
from the same quarter Ship under double reef topsails heading to the North
saw a ship on our lee quarter at 12 Meridian were ship and steered south
took in mizen topsail at 1 kept off to speak a ship at 2 P.M. spoke
the PLATINUM of Mystic Capt. Holdridge which this season luffed
to the wind heading north and took in Fore Topsail sounds

Lat by Obs $38^{\circ}10$ South
Long by Chron $121^{\circ}48$ East

Sun. Nov 14 Com with a gale from the South West and overcast
weather ship heading to the North West middle part wind hauled to
the WNW were ship and headed SW Lat part wind headed us off to
South still blowing a gale, the Romulus in sight so ends Lat by Obs $38^{\circ}15$
Long by Chron $122^{\circ}08$ E

Mon. Nov 15 Com with a gale from the West South West ship heading South under close
reef Main Topsail Foresail and Spinnaker weather squally in company with Romulus
middle part were ship and headed W.N.W. at 5 o'clock weather moderated made all sail
at 8 o'clock A.M. flogged ^{two} men their names Joseph Wright and John Wallace
for fighting at 9 A.M. spoke Ship Romulus Capt Holdridge came on board
at 10 he left and both ships stood to the north sounds in company sounds

Lat Obs $38^{\circ}12$ South
Long by Chron $122^{\circ}34$ East

Off New Holland in 1843

Tues nov. 21 this day Com with a light breeze from the West steering N. NW with all sail set at 4 o'clock wore ship and headed SW at 5 S went on board the Romulus and spent the evening middle part ship heading to the South West under short sail at 5 o'clock A.M. made all sail and steered S.W. with a fine breeze from the North West one sail in sight latter part the same as ends

Lat obs 35° 05' S.

Long by chron 120° 18' E

Wed nov. 22 Lat part wind WSW very light saw one ship to N.W. cutting a whale saw plenty finbacks as ends lat by obs 39° 5' 45" long by chron 120° 28' E.

Thurs. nov. 23 light baffling wind wind heading to the N.W. one sail in sight hoisting @ 6 o'clock P.M. went on board found her to be the Dauglair of Havre 5 months out 200 bbls. @ 7 o'clock saw right whales towed without success.

Ship Bowditch Cruising off New Holland

Fri day nov 24 Com with a light air from the West ship heading South west with all sail set at 1 P.M. saw two Right Whales on the weather bow 1 mile off towed and darted but too far off came on board @ 5 o'clock P.M. tacked ship saw two Whales to windward towed and struck and took one alongside at 9 A.M. got the Fluke chain and let him lay until morning

Mid part fine weather emp getting ready for cutting & fitting boats @ 4 1/2 A.M. called all hands and Com cutting saw two whales astern towed two boats but no success @ 7 o'clock carried away the windlass bits which hindered us but us by a good part of the day at 3 o'clock on the 25th got the whale in one sail in sight and weather fine so ends the 26th no obs this day

Sat nov 25 Com with light breeze from north west and overcast weather emp cutting our whale at 3 P.M. finished and made sail at 4 Com hoisting middle part employed hoisting

Lat part weather hazy and a strong wind from the West under double reef topsls steering on the wind heading East saw one sail watch emp hoisting and fitting windlass bits so ends.

Bouddock New Holland 1843

Wed Nov 29 fine weather and part saw a French ship take a
whale Lat $39^{\circ}33' S$ long $119^{\circ}43' E$.

Sat. Dec. 2d. Com with a fine breeze from the Southwest steering Northwest with all
sail set saw a great many fin backs at 7 o'clock P.M. double reefed the topsails at
8 saw a dead whale lowered boats and found him to be a good one took him
alongside and at 5 a.m. commenced cutting at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 10 finished cutting and Com
Boiling - Lat part rugged weather ship under double reefed Topsails standing
to the north saw one sail so ends Lat Abs $38^{\circ}18' S$ Long $119^{\circ}53' E$

Sunday Dec 3 Com with a strong wind from the WNW ship under dbl
reef Topsails steering by the wind to the north at 1 P.M. more ship ~~and~~
headed SW watch employed boiling saw one ship
middle part a gale from the West ship heading to SSW under a double
reef mantsail and Foresail employed boiling

Mon Dec 4 Ditto - Lat part gale SSW employed stowing down oil so ends.

Tues Ditto - stowing down & clearing decks.

Wed. Light WNW watch employed scraping tone.

Thurs. Dec 7 Middle part more ship & headed North @ $4\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. made sail
Lat part a fresh breeze from the West ship with larboard tacks aboard heading to the
N.N.W with all sail set so ends Lat $41^{\circ}54' S$ Lon $118^{\circ}15' E$.

Sat. Dec 9 Com. with a strong breeze from WNW and clear weather lowered our boat
~~for right whales~~ struck and took one alongside and cut him in middle part emp
Boiling the wind blowing a gale saw a ship boiling to windward of us. so ends

Sunday ditto finished boiling

Ship Bowditch crossing off New Holland, 1843

Sat. Dec 16 Comm'd. light breeze & calms steering ESE all sail set
at 6 P.M. raised a sail standing to the North
middle part at 5^{1/2} A.M. spoke ship Rueric of N.Y. 41 months
out 2700 bound home at 10 A.M. separated he steering N.W. ^{wind from N.} I to south E

Wed Dec 20 1843 at 2 PM lowered our boats at 4 struck at 5^{1/2} took
alongside & commenced cutting got throat & leech in and lashed down for the night
there being a heavy swell. no breeze N.W. ship heading to N.E. with
a whale alongside much foggy 9 A.M. called all hands and com
setting at 9 finished & made sail

Thurs Dec 21 Strong NNE heavy swell from SW clear
wind increasing dbl reefed topsls at 7 took in all sail but double reef
maintopsl and forel foretopmast staysl and mizzen employed hoisting
middle & latter part strong gale NW ship under storm sails laying to hoisting

Fri Dec 22 Strong gale WNW laying to under short sail at 4 PM cooled
down the works on account of the wind mid. part more moderate started
the works Latter part strong WNW ship heading north hoisting

Sat. Dec 23 Lat. part strong breeze & rugged weather employed stowing
down oil at 9 A.M. spoke ship Brighton of N.Bed. 16 mo. out 2000 bbl. 115
4 whales.

Sunday strong breeze WNW dbl reef topsls in company with ship
Brighton, Capt Cox and Electra, Capt Ward.
mon. Dec 25 fresh breeze gamed the Brighton Capt Cox
came aboard & spent the day.

Tues Dec 26 Bowditch cruising off New Holland 1843
at 4 PM took in fore & mizen topsls and luffed to the wind
and part a gale from the w. ship heading to the north under close reef main
topsl and Staysails.

Towards New ZELAND.

1843

Sunday Dec 31 Lat part strong winds NW saw the Barque
Columbia of Sag Harbor & whalers & boats fast to a whale

Lat $44^{\circ}42'5''$

Lng $143^{\circ}34'5''$

Wed Jan 3 1844

strong SW steering N ENE all sail weather fair employed
getting out steering sails fly-jib boom & fenders & kellers.

Thurs Jan 4 saw fenders and a great of drift or whales feed
mon. Jan 5 fresh breezes from N. ship heading E by N. all sail
saw a brig steering SE.

Wed Jan 10 Strong N.N.W. overcast steering N.E. all sail.

mid part shifted to S.W. & rainy.

Sat. " wind SSW steering N.E. on

Thurs Jan 11 strong SSW good weather flying clouds steering N.E.
all sail 6 PM raised a sail ahead at 7 passed her a mile off it was
an English barque under short sail standing W.S.W.

Saturday Jan 13 Strong SSE ship heading N.E. under whole Topsls and
main Topgallant sail and jib saw two sails steering to the west

Sun. 14 Strong ESE heading N.E. under singularly Fore & mizen Topsails
and whole main

Toward New Zealand ZEA.

Monday 15

all sail - at 7 strong breeze double reefed fore and main Topsails

Tues. Jan 16 Fresh ESE heading SSW whole Topsails weather fine
at 4 PM kept off SSE for Bay of Islands bent our chain and
got the anchors off the bows.

middle part fresh E.N.E course SSE at 2 1/2 A.M saw Cape
Reyn in Lat 35° 08' S. Long 175° E hauled back the Main Topsails
and laid until morning at 5 AM kept off for Bay of Islands
at 11 anchored in 6 fathoms water muddy bottom so ends

Bay of Islands New Zealand

at anchor, employed working ship and getting cash for water

Ships in port Sharon of Fairhaven 30 mos. 960 S

Mary and Martha Coffin 31 " 400 S

Hope Heath Providence 1900 W

Annick Hamigan Nieder 2200 "

middle and lat part much the same so ends.

Thursday Jan 18 Lat part one watch on liberty and a boats crew
getting water on shore so ends

[Fri Jan 19 employed painting ship so ends.
Sat " 20
Sun " 21]

mon Jan 22 one watch on liberty lat part rainy getting water on board

Tues. ditto and one watch emp getting recruits on shore

In Port Bay of Islands.

Thurs Feb 1 lost 3 men by desertion Benj Gunner John Wallace and Thomas Jackson took our Anchor and went out as far as the mouth of the harbor and laid off and on for our men at 8 o'clock am found them and put them in irons they cleared themselves from their irons and made their escape again

Lat part great many natives and Constables employed looking for them

Fri Feb 2 fine weather ship in sight from the flag staff off the mouth of the Bay laying off and on for our men,

Lat part ship came in and anchored

Tues Feb 6 Caught one of our Deserters and put him in irons in the run
+ Leave Bay of Islands for Navigators +

mon. Feb 12 Fine & calm at 2 a.m got under way to sea the wind being so light and tide so strong that it set us astern the Pacific's hawse carried away her Flyit boom & spritsail yard. stove our waist boat and broke our rail got clear at 4 a.m and came to anchor to wait for a wind at 6 took our Anchor and tored until the tide turned against us which was about 8 o'clock at 9 o'clock a strong breeze from the S.W took our anchor and stood to sea. Lat part ship under way turing out the Bay of Islands into a strong wind saw the Falcon beating in with 150 bbls 7 mas out so ends.

Tues Feb 13 Strong SW all sail at 7 PM spoke a Sydney Barge 3 mas out 250 bbls Spur oil. Lat part saw one sail boating the watch employed mending the waist boat and other jobs about ship so ends

Fri Feb 16 same

Bowditch Bound to the navigators

Thurs Feb 22 light breeze at 7 a.m. Saw Tootooileh (Tutuila)
one of the Navigator Islands.

Sat Feb 24 working ship up to at 1 P.M lowered a boat &
and went in to the shore to find out a good place to trade we
succeeded and came on board again at 6 P.M.

Lat part went on shore with one boats crew could not trade
on account of its being their Sunday.

Sunday Feb 25 @ 5 P.M. same on board Pelo

Lat part 3 boats crews on shore trading laying off & on (ships)

+ ~~Toward the North West~~

Thurs. Feb 29 Watch employed mending mainsail (at sea)

Friday Mar 1. Lat part squally and baffling winds steering
to north split the foretopsail and sent it down and bent another

Sat. Mar 2. ¹ ditto split the fore [Fore Gaffail] sent it down
and bent another.

Sun Mar 3 all prudent sail set @ 6 P.M carried away
the Fly Jib and sent it in

middle and lat part bent a new Fly Jib so made.

Ship Bowditch towards the North West Coast or Melash Bank

Wed Mar 13 1844 middle part at 5 a.m. wind hauled to E N E
tacked ship and headed North at 11 a.m. saw breakers off or lee beam
10 miles dist which proved to be Phenix Island very low with a
dangerous reef off the East end so ends Lat $3^{\circ} 34' S$ Long $170^{\circ} 58'$

Thurs Mar 14 light E N E ship heading North all sail Phenix Is.
bearing N dist 8 mi. found a strong current setting to Westward at
5 o'clock wind hauled W N E tacked ship and headed E S S
endeavoring to work ship to the East. at 6 o'clock A.M. Phenix Is.
bore N.W dist 4 miles kept off W 1/2 N for Barnes Island

Lat by Obs $3^{\circ} 36' S$

Long by Obs $171^{\circ} 38' W$

Mon. April 1 @ 3 PM raised Right whales lured struck and took one
alongside at 8 o'clock PM. middle part a light breeze from the north
laying too with a whale alongside emp getting ready to cut him in at 6 AM
called all hands at 7 AM cutting weather foggy

Tues Apr 2 finished cutting 3 PM cleared up decks and com
boiling at 6 1/2 o'clock PM saw two right whales and did not lour
it being sundown two ships in sight standing to the westward

Thurs Apr 4 fine breeze ENE spoke ship Harry Lee 19 mo out 1900 bbls
saw sulphur Bottoms hoisting and stowing down

Sat April 6 Building fore

Ship Bowditch cruising for KAMASCASKA

For Kamchatka

Sunday Apr 7 Strong breeze from south steering north lat part spoke
Ship Lowell of New London 8 mos out 1200 seconds

Monday Apr. 8 Fresh breeze from S steering NNE all sail at 4 PM
spoke ship Hamilton of Sag Harbor Lopis 1 whale

Tues Apr 9 light breeze N heading NNW all sail 2 PM spoke
ship Tuscany of Sag Harbor 2000 bbls. capsizing sails and
getting up shrouds and stowing off between decks.

Coast of Kamchatka

wed whole topsails now squalls from backs

mid part all sail at 9 AM hove atack the mantopel
and laid until morning at 4 kept off north west at 5 saw the
Island Agatcer one of the Anchovorkoi Ils. at 7 close in with SW
point saw two large sperm whals lowrd struck me and drawed
near the Island of attor 20 miles just covered with snow

Sat Apr 27 saw Copper Is. dist 40 mi saw sea elephants

Sun. 28 lowered without success twice - saw copper & Behrings Is dist 40 m

Lat by Obs. $5^{\circ} 3' 5''$ N
Long by Chron $168^{\circ} 54' E$

mon. Apr. 29 Laying to under close reef mantopel spencers & foretopmast
stays - severe gale SE. took in Larboard bow boat and turned up
main and larboard boat snowing hard

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Ship Bowditch Cruising in the Sea of Kamtschatka 1844
Wednesday May 1 Fine breeze N E by E at 7th PM called all hands aft
to see the cook flogged for fighting with the steward who he
bruised in a shocking manner in the face and bit his second
finger to the bone so there is danger of losing it he is laid up
with it now and probably will be for some time. I gave him
two dozen with a piece of rattan stuff

Thursday May 2 lowered for futacks without success.

Friday May 10 Com with a light breeze from the west south
west steering north west saw futacks

note

11/28/9

F A B George Soule probably wrote preceding
lost with men in small boat after attacking whale
1 man saved Mate took charge.

List

Borrowed 3 Casks Bread ship B Tucker

1 doz pr stockings

Capt Edwards 2 Doz pr stockings

2 Doz pr Pants

2 Casks Bread Guage 267 - 862 Weight
271

6 Irons

Do of Capt Swift Bruins

2 bolts Canvas 3 Cars 16/17/17

To be left at Lahaina 50 lbs W lead

12 lbs tunc Do

One 27 Bread from Pet Sims 2 lbs 135

Coffee B Tucker 50 lbs

pr Pants

135
163
129
2427
854
218 1/2
lbs 1067 1/2